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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALISTS, PROJECT 02.04-12

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER, DATED 2 MARCH,
TO YURI S. YARALOV, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF
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THEORY AND HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE, GOSGRAZHDANSTROY, WITH

COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET:

"DEAR MR. YARALOV: AS THE UNITED STATES LEADER FOR THE PROJECT ON IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT WITH REGARD TO HISTORIC PLACES AND MONUMENTS, UNDER THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY PLEASURE WITH THE PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGES OF SPECIALISTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS UNDER THIS PROJECT, AND TO PROPOSE A PROGRAM OF EXCHANGE FOR 1976. THIS PROPOSAL IS MADE IN ACCORD WITH THE 1976 WORK PROGRAM, AGREED TO BY THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT, AND BY THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

"THE U.S. SIDE WOULD LIKE TO SEND TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR THREE WEEKS DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1976 A TEAM OF FOUR SPECIALISTS TO PRESENT, UNDER A PREARRANGED ITINERARY, A SERIES OF ILLUSTRATED LECTURES ON TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

REGARDING THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL PROPERTIES AS AN ASPECT OF THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT. THE SPECIALISTS WOULD BE: (1) MR. JERRY L. ROGERS, ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. MR. ROGERS, WHO WILL HEAD THE TEAM, IS A DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN SPECIALIZING IN THE IDENTIFICATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES AS WELL AS A FORMER TEACHER OF AMERICAN HISTORY. HE DIRECTS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S CENTRAL OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR IDENTIFYING, RECORDING, PROTECTING AND RESTORING PROPERTIES WHICH ARE SIGNIFICANT IN AMERICAN HISTORY, ARCHITECTURE, ARCHAEOLOGY AND CULTURE. HE WOULD LECTURE ON: (A) 'CULTURAL PROPERTIES OF THE UNITED STATES,' PRESENTING EXAMPLES OF PROPERTIES LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES TO DEMONSTRATE THE DIVERSITY OF CULTURAL ASSETS THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS WORTHY OF PRESERVATION; AND (B) 'DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES,' EXPLAINING HOW FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAMS ORIGINATED AND HOW THEY HAVE DEVELOPED INTO A COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT TO PROTECT THE NATION'S HISTORICAL ENVIRONMENT, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF RECENT YEARS. (2) DR. JOHN UNCLASSIFIED

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POPPELIERS, CHIEF, HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. DR. POPPELIERS IS A NOTED SCHOLAR IN ART HISTORY AND HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE. THE HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY IS A CONTINUOUSLY EXPANDING NATIONAL ARCHIVE OF AMERICAN HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE WHICH INCLUDES MEASURED DRAWINGS, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND PHOTOGRAMMETRIC DOCUMENTATION AND RESEARCH ON HISTORIC

AMERICAN BUILDINGS. IT IS A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND IS MAINTAINED IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. DR. POPPELIERS' LECTURES WOULD BE: (A) 'DOCUMENTING A LEGACY,' DESCRIBING THE ACTIVITIES AND TECHNIQUES OF THE HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY; AND (B) 'ARCHITECTURE IN AMERICA,' EMPHASIZING THE INFLUENCE OF AMERICA'S VARIED CULTURAL HERITAGE. (3) MR. T. ALLAN COMP, SENIOR HISTORIAN OF TECHNOLOGY, HISTORIC ENGINEERING RECORD, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. MR. COMP IS A SCHOLAR IN THE HISTORY OF TECHNOLOGY AND AMERICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY WHOSE WRITINGS HAVE BEEN WIDELY PUBLISHED IN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS. THE HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD'S OBJECTIVE IS TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL ARCHIVE OF AMERICA'S ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE. IT IS A RELATIVELY NEW DEVELOPMENT IN U.S. PRESERVATION PRACTICE AND HAS ALREADY STIMULATED ENORMOUS PUBLIC INTEREST AND SUPPORT FOR THE PROTECTION OF ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRIAL LANDMARKS. MR. COMP WOULD LECTURE ON: (A) 'IDENTIFYING

AND DOCUMENTING AMERICA'S ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE,' DESCRIBING THE ORIGINS, OPERATIONS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD; AND (B) 'EXAMPLES OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY,' PRESENTING CASE STUDIES FROM THE RECORD'S WORK. (4) MR. MICHAEL MELITONOV, INTERPRETER AND ADVISOR TO THE TEAM. MR. MELITONOV IS A STUDENT OF ARCHITECTURE, AN ARTIST AND A DESIGNER. HE WILL INTERPRET THE PRESENTATIONS BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WHO DO NOT SPEAK RUSSIAN.

"THE U.S. TEAM WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AND TO LECTURE AT SOVIET WORKSHOPS WHERE MEASURED DRAWINGS AND DOCUMENTATION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF SOVIET ARCHITECTURE IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED AND AT OTHER PLACES. THE TEAM HOPES THE ITINERARY WILL INCLUDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, VLADIMIR/SUZDAL, KIEV AND TBILISI AS WELL AS OTHER LOCATIONS YOU RECOMMEND. THE TEAM WILL ILLUSTRATE ITS LECTURES WITH 35MM SLIDES AND IS PREPARED TO LECTURE TO ANY SIZE AUDIENCE AS LONG AS THERE ARE ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR PROJECTING THESE SLIDES.

"THE ABOVE U.S. SPECIALISTS HAVE INFORMED ME THAT THEY WILL BE FREE TO VISIT THE U.S.S.R. DURING THE 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH WEEK OF JUNE. WE PROPOSE, THEREFORE, THAT THE TEAM ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JUNE 5 AND DEPART FROM MOSCOW ON JUNE 27. WE HOPE THIS IS SATISFACTORY, AND WILL SEND YOU THE NECESSARY FLIGHT INFORMATION AS SOON AS WE RE-

CEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE PROPOSALS. SINCE EXCHANGES OF THIS KIND REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE PREPARATION, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF WE COULD HAVE YOUR REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"REGARDING THE SOVIET RETURN VISIT, WE WOULD WELCOME A SIMILAR LECTURE TEAM OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS IN SEPTEMBER 1976. WE SHOULD BE PLEASED IF THE SOVIET TEAM WERE TO INCLUDE YOURSELF AND PROFESSOR OLEG SHVIDKOVSKY OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF ARTS AS WELL AS ANY OTHERS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. WE SUGGEST AN ITINERARY BEGINNING IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND PROCEEDING TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA; SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS; SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO; CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS; AND NEW YORK CITY. AMERICAN AUDIENCES WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN SOVIET PRESERVATION PROGRAMS AND TECHNOLOGY, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL AS ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE TYPES OF STRUCTURE, SITES AND HISTORIC QUARTERS THAT RECEIVE THE ATTENTION OF USSR

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PRESERVATIONISTS TODAY.

"WE SHOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD IDENTIFY A SPECIFIC DELEGATION AND THEIR SPECIALTIES, AS WE HAVE ABOVE, SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE FORUMS FOR THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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LECTURES. PLEASE DO NOT REGARD OUR SUGGESTED ITINERARY AS UNCHANGEABLE: OUR INTENTION IS MERELY TO SUGGEST CITIES THAT REFLECT DIFFERENT U.S. GEOGRAPHIC AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS SO THAT YOUR SPECIALISTS WILL OBTAIN AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE A PICTURE OF U.S. HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES. WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS.

"I HOPE THESE PROPOSALS MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL. PLEASE LET ME KNOW VIA A LETTER SENT THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN DEVELOP THE PROGRAM, OR MODIFY IT, DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. SINCERELY, ERNEST ALLEN CONNALLY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND U.S. LEADER, PROJECT ON IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT WITH REGARD TO HISTORIC PLACES AND MONUMENTS."

2. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO BRING THE ABOVE TO THE ATTENTION OF MRS. STOESSEL. KISSINGER

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